



**CALIFORNIA  
HIGH-SPEED RAIL  
AUTHORITY**

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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
April 12, 2012  
Milton Marks Conference Center, Auditorium  
455 Golden Gate Avenue  
San Francisco, CA**

The public meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority Board was called to order on April 12, 2012 at 10:00 am at Milton Marks Conference Center, San Francisco, CA.

Members Present: Dan Richard, Chairman  
Lynn Schenk, Vice-Chair  
Tom Richards, Vice-Chair  
Jim Hartnett  
Bob Balgenorth  
Michael Rossi

Members Absent: Thomas Umberg  
Russell Burns

Pledge of allegiance was administered by Board Member Jim Hartnett.

Minutes prepared in the order items were presented during the meeting.

**Public Comment**

An opportunity was made for public comment. There were several people who spoke in support of the project with an emphasis on jobs, long-term benefits, upcoming construction and the positive effect of the project on the younger generation. There were also a few people who spoke in opposition to the project who were concerned about financial concerns and issues surrounding personal properties.

**Agenda Item # 1 – Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the March 1, 2012 meeting were given a motion to approve from Ms. Schenk. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. The motion passed. (6-0)

**Agenda Item # 2 – Review and Approval of Revised 2012 Business Plan**

A presentation was given by Jeff Morales outlining the details of the revised business plan. The key revisions were the cost of the project, the blended system approach, and the importance of investing in the bookends as near term early investments. The revised plan also addresses all issues raised by the peer review group and the legislative analyst's office. The new plan promotes the better, faster, cheaper approach and takes into account many public and stakeholder comments and concerns and is compliant with Proposition 1A.

The approval of the Board was requested to adopt the 2012 revised business plan as outlined in Resolution HSRA 12-13. There was a request for a language change to include implementation of a one seat ride connection to Anaheim. The motion was made to adopt the resolution by Mr. Rossi and was seconded by all board members unanimously. The motion passed. (6-0)

**Agenda Item # 3 – Approval of Southern California Memorandum of Understanding (as amended)**

Mr. Gregg Allbright presented this item detailing the Southern California Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The proposed resolution would allow for collaboration in Southern California to pull together what it would constitute as a blended system in operations and early investments in the bookends of the project. The approval of the Board was requested to approve the MOU so that the Authority can proceed with the direction of the newly adopted business plan. Mr. Rossi moved to adopt the resolution as submitted (HSRA 12-10). Vice-Chair Schenk seconded the motion. The motion passed. (6-0)

**Agenda Item # 4 – Approval of MTC Memorandum of Understanding**

Mr. Gregg Allbright presented this item detailing the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU would allow the MTC and seven Northern California agencies to begin the electrification of the CalTrain Corridor and authorizes the CEO or his/her designee to continue to work with the San Francisco bay area transportation and funding agencies. Mr. Hartnett moved to adopt the resolution (HSRA 12-11). Mr. Balgenorth and Mr. Rossi seconded. The motion passed unanimously. (6-0)

**Agenda Item # 5 – Approval of Amendment to KPMG Contract**

The Board's approval was requested to adopt a resolution for an amendment to the existing KPMG contract. Mr. Rossi moved to approve the resolution (HSRA 12-12). Vice-Chair Schenk seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. (6-0)

**Agenda Item # 6 – Approval of Amendment to Nossaman Contract**

The proposed resolution is a request for approval of an amendment to the existing Nossaman contract. Vice-Chair Schenk moved to adopt the resolution (HSRA 12-14). It was seconded by Mr. Rossi. Motion passed unanimously. (6-0)

The Board then adjourned to closed session for item #10 and #11.

**Agenda Item # 10 – Closed Session Pertaining to Litigation**

The Board returned from closed session with nothing to report.

**Agenda Item # 11 – Closed Session Related to Employment of a Chief Executive Officer**

The Board returned from closed session with nothing to report.

**Agenda Item # 7 – Consideration of a Resolution to Rescind Resolution HSRA# 11-11 Certifying 2010 Bay Area to Central Valley Revised Final Program EIR, Selecting Pacheco Pass Network Alternative, and Making Related Decisions**

This item was held over until the April 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

**Agenda Item # 8 – Member's Report**

There were no member reports given.

**Agenda Item # 9 – Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Mr. Fellenz presented the CEO report to the Board, as acting CEO for the Authority. On March 9<sup>th</sup> the Authority was granted approval of the first instruction package design-build procurement by the Public Works Board. On the 21<sup>st</sup> of March it was submitted as the RFP to the five design-build firms for their consideration and for them to put together their proposals for the first construction package.

The Authority received an approval from Check Point C, one of our federal partners, which is an environmental evaluation of the alternatives that we have selected for the Merced-Fresno Environmental document. They have looked at the alternative and have come to a conclusion that it is the least environmentally damaging practical alternative at this stage and that it meets Environmental Protection Agency criteria. The Authority has also received a Fresno Works Consortium Targeted Unemployed Workers and First Source transparency update and proposal. The FRA has been consulted to review the proposal and it will be brought to the Board as a draft at a future meeting. The Merced to Fresno environmental documents will be presented to the Board at the May 2-3 meeting. The upcoming April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting will be to present the partially revised draft Bay Area to the Central Valley EIR for your consideration. Caltrans will be taking charge of the relocation of Highway 99 in the first section of construction instead of including it in the design-build contract. There are two legislative hearings pertaining to the High Speed Rail in April. The first is on April 17<sup>th</sup> with the Senate Transportation Committee hearing, that considers Senator LaMalfa's Senate Bill 895. On April 18<sup>th</sup> there is a Senate and Assembly budget subcommittee hearing on High-Speed Rail in the 2012 budget appropriation request.

Chairman Richard adjourned the meeting at 3:08 pm.